

Appl. No. 09/940,930
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Amendment to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 8 and 9 of the specification with the following paragraph:

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-- The rising portion 17 formed along the peripheral edge of the film layer section 6 is of the same material as the plastic sheet material of the film layer section 6 and, more specifically, the rising portion 17 corresponds to the portion of the plastic sheet material fibrillated under the high pressure columnar water streams. Upper edge 17a of the rising portion 17 undulates along the first ~ fourth sides 21 ~ 24 so that the maximum height of the rising portion 17 as measured from the upper surface of the film layer section 6 to its upper edge 17a is 1.5 mm and the minimum height, i.e., the height of the rising portion 17 defining a trough bottom of the undulation of the rising portion 17 and having its upper edge coinciding with the upper surface of the film layer section 6 is 0 mm. In the vicinity of the rising portion 17 having the minimum height, the film layer section 6 is continuous to the fibrous assembly layer 7 exposed in the opening 31. The topsheet 2 constructed in this manner has a Klemm's water absorbency lower than 10 mm as measured in accordance with prescription of JIS P 814- 8141. The topsheet 2 preferably has a breathability of $5 \sim 700 \text{ cm}^3/\text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{sec}$ as measured in accordance with prescription of JIS L 1096 and a water-resistance of $0 \sim 200 \text{ mm}$ as measured in accordance with prescription of JIS L 1092.--